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FM AMEMBASSY OTTAWA

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INFO AMEMBASSY BRASILIA

C O N F I D E N T I A L OTTAWA 2151

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PARM, TECH, IAEA, CA, AR, BR

SUBJECT: ARGENTINE NUCLEAR PROGRAM

REF: IAEA VIENNA 6054

1. AS DEPT AND EMBASSY BRASILIA ARE AWARE, SCIATT OTTAWA SERVED AS SCIATT RIO 1967-71 AND IS LONGSTANDING PERSONAL FRIEND OF CARVALHO DATING BACK TO HIS GRADUATE STUDENT DAYS. ACCORDINGLY, DEPT AND EMBASSY BRASILIA MAY FIND FOLLOWING ADDITIONAL DETAILS HELPFUL IN ASSESSING REFTEL. INFORMATION CONTAINED IN REFTEL NOT REPEAT NO SURPRISING BUT DEFINITELY IS MATTER FOR SERIOUS ATTENTION. WHILE THERE IS LITTLE DOUBT IN SCIATT'S VIEW THAT, GIVEN CHOICE, CARVALHO WOULD NEVER VOLUNTARILY EMBARK ON PROGRAM TO MANUFACTURE NUCLEAR EXPLOSIVES, IT IS NOT INCONCEIVABLE THAT UNDER CERTAIN POSSIBLE CIRCUMSTANCES HIS ONLY CHOICES MIGHT BE TO DO IT OR RESIGN. ALTHOUGH SCIATT DID NOT REPEAT NOT SPECIFICALLY REPORT AT THE TIME, IT IS ALSO OF POSSIBLE INTEREST THAT CARVALHO'S FIRST SERIOUS MEDICAL INCIDENT AROSE DURING HIS INTENSIVE EFFORT TO NEGOTIATE WITH BRAZILIAN MILITARY AUTHORITIES ACCEPTABLE COMPROMISE WORDING FOR US-BRAZILIAN POWER REACTOR AGREEMENT. IMMEDIATELY AFTER HIS RECOVERY AND SCIATT'S DEPARTURE FOR OTTAWA POSTING IN LATE 1971, CARVALHO AND HIS SENIOR ASSISTANT, ADM. CUNHA, INDICATED THAT IF IT HAD NOT BEEN FOR PERSONAL RELATIONSHIP THAT THEY HAD WITH THE THEN MINISTER OF DEFENSE THEY DID

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NOT FEEL THAT THEY COULD HAVE SOLD GOB ON ACCEPTING LANGUAGE

WHICH WAS ACCEPTED.
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